

REMARKS

Claims 41-41, 46-52, and 54-69 are in the application.

Claims 1-40, 42-45 and 53 are cancelled.

There were previously 30 claims pending, there are now 25. New claims 60-69 replace cancelled claims 18-28, 42-45 and 53.

The rejection of claims 53-59 is withdrawn, per the Advisory Action dated August 14, 2006.

Claim 46 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 53. This renders claims 41-42, 46-52, and 54-57 allowable. Claims 54-57 are amended to change dependency to claim 46.

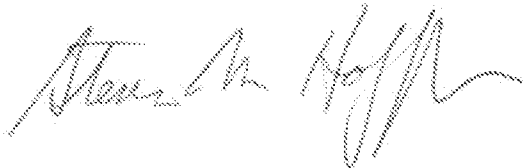
Claims 58-59 have been rewritten in independent form to include all limitations from the base claim.

Claims 60-64, and 65-69 respectively are identical to claims 47-49, 52 and 41, respectively, with appropriate change in dependency.

No new issues have been presented herein. All claims are believed to be to be in form for allowance.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the present claims are patentable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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